



# NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture  
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE  
NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL FIELD OFFICE  
4050 Crums Mill Rd, Suite 203  
Harrisburg, PA 17112



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 21, 2022

Contact: Stephen Maples  
(800) 498-1518  
[stephen.maples@usda.gov](mailto:stephen.maples@usda.gov)

## USDA to gather cash rents data

**HARRISBURG, PA** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is conducting the Cash Rents and Leases survey starting on February 7. The survey provides the basis for estimates of the current year’s cash rents paid for irrigated cropland, non-irrigated cropland, and permanent pasture. Over 15,000 survey recipients across the northeastern U.S. have been selected to complete the survey, which can be completed online by March 1, 2022 at [agcounts.usda.gov](http://agcounts.usda.gov), by mail or phone.

“Survey responses from as many farm operations as possible ensure cash rental rates accurately represent your locality,” said King Whetstone, regional director of the Northeastern Regional Field Office. “Results from the Cash Rents and Leases survey will also give landowners a useful tool in negotiating rental agreements for financial planning for their agricultural operations.”

Information from this survey is also used in the Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program as an alternative soil rental rate prior to finalizing new rates each year.

In accordance with federal law, NASS keeps survey responses confidential. Survey results will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will publish the survey results on August 26, 2022 at [quickstats.nass.usda.gov](http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov). For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (717) 787-3904 or visit <https://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

###

*NASS is the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture and is committed to providing timely, accurate and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.*

*USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay).*